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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6087**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 271

**NOTE PREPARED:** Oct 13, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Next of Kin Control of Bodies in Murder Cases.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Sipes

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It prohibits a person who is arrested for one of certain specified crimes in connection with a death from making certain determinations concerning the remains of the victim of the apparent crime for which the person was arrested.
- B. It requires the coroner, in consultation with law enforcement, to notify a cemetery owner, a crematory authority, or a seller of prepaid funeral and burial services that the person is barred from making the determinations concerning the remains because of the person's arrest.
- C. It specifies the order of priority among individuals permitted to authorize the interment, entombment, or inurnment of the body or cremated remains of a deceased human. It provides that, when a coroner investigates a death, the coroner may hold the remains of the decedent until the investigation is concluded.
- D. It permits the parent or adult child of a decedent to receive a full autopsy report and, with certain exceptions, prohibits the parent or adult child from publicly disclosing the contents of the full autopsy report.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The notification requirements for the Indiana State Police (ISP) should be minimal if ISP is investigating a death and is required to consult with the coroner of a county where a death occurred.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The notification requirements for the local law enforcement agency should be minimal if the agency is investigating a death and is required to consult with the coroner of a county where a death occurred.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Police.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County coroner, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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